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Wireless networks team: roadworkers on the information sideways

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IP-based networks

The Internet today

Robust worldwide network for data exchange

- Global interconnection of > 140M hosts
- Interoperability between different computer networks (LANs) and different network infrastructures
- Connectionless packet based technology (IP-protocol)
- Fair and equitable access to all
- Best effort service
- Dominant applications: e-mail, FTP, HTTP

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Mobile & wireless IP-based networks

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IP-based networks

The Internet tomorrow

Service integration into multimedia network

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Mobile & wireless IP-based networks

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Macromobility: move from one IP-domain to another

Micro-mobility: move from one access router to another in the same IP-domain (GIP, HAWAII, HRP)

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QoS enabled IP networks

The Internet tomorrow

Various applications over one integrated network

Different requirements for different applications

The need for QoS classes

QoS class	Example	Bit rate	Low BER	Guaranteed bitrate	Transfer delay	Variation of delay
Conversational	Voip	14 kb/s	No	Yes	Stringent	Stringent
Streaming	Video	5 Mb/s	No	Yes	Fixed	Fixed
Interactive	WWW	1 Mb/s	Yes	No	No	No
Background	E-mail	0.5 Mb/s	Yes	No	No	No

Different mechanisms for QoS:

- IntServ, DiffServ
- RSVP
- MPLS

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Mobile & wireless IP-based networks

Challenges

- How to handle packet loss over a wireless link (BER $\neq 0$)
- IP-networks are designed for wired links (BER = 0)
- Need for modifying existing protocols or using protocol boosters

Seamless handover

- No interruption of connection
- No packet loss
- No delay

QoS support

- Support of different applications with different requirements

Fast moving terminals

- Development of intelligent routing strategies to allow fast handover

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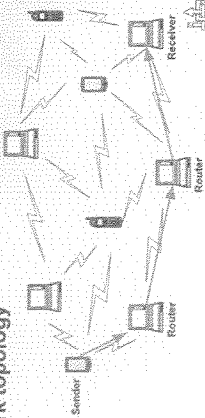
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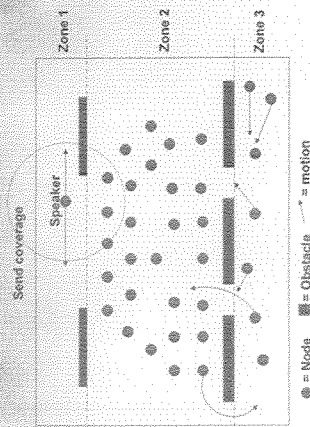
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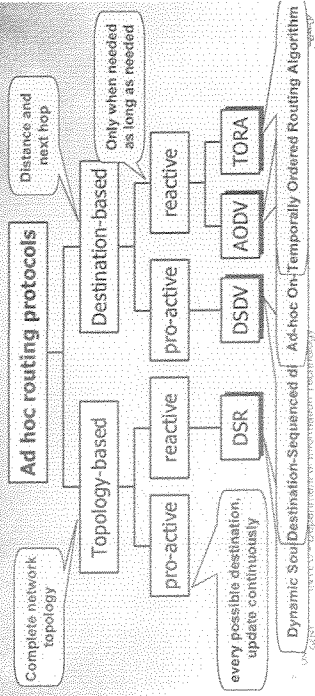
Possible scenario: conference room



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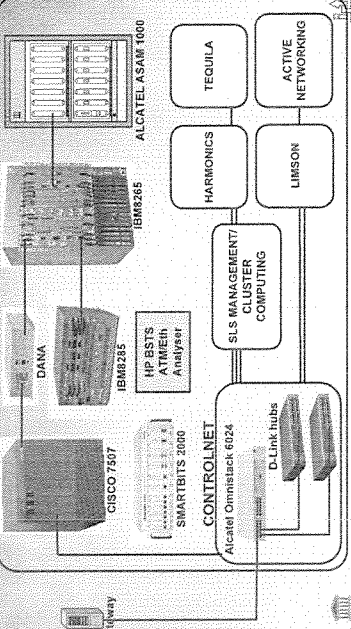
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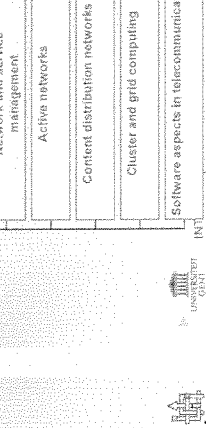
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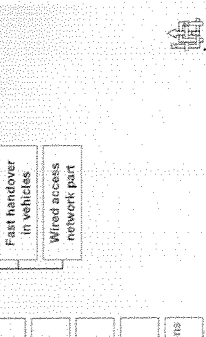
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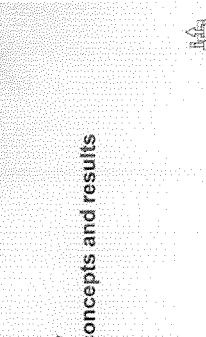
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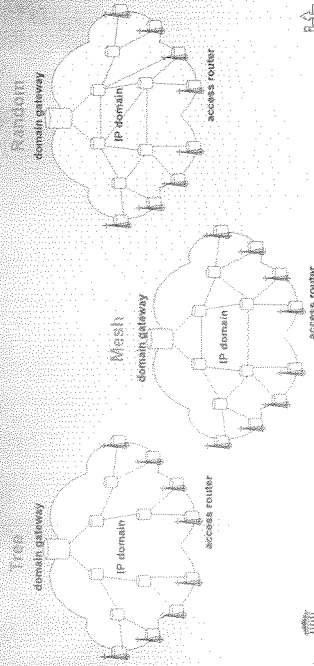
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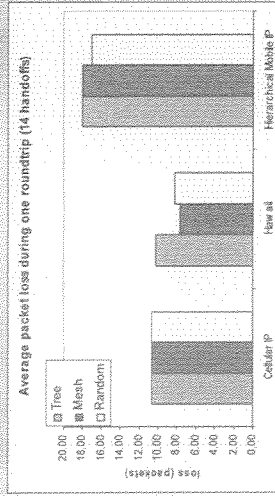
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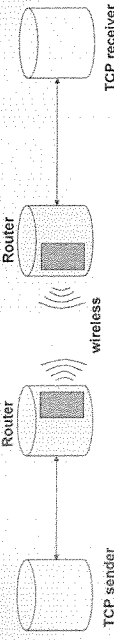
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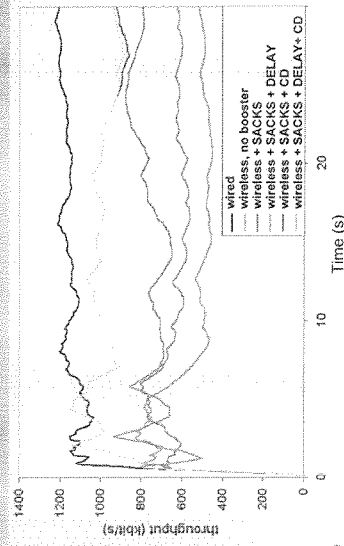
TCP protocol booster

- Target
 - To improve TCP-performance over wireless link
 - To increase throughput over wireless link
- Properties of protocol booster
 - Add, remove, delay protocol messages
 - Booster messages are transparent for TCP protocol
 - Detection of transmission errors
 - Detection of congestion



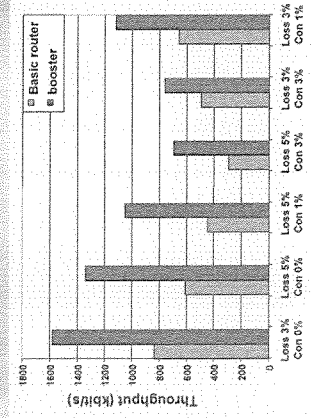
TCP protocol booster: Simulations

- Throughput vs time
 - Wireless link: bandwidth 10Mb/s, delay 10ms
 - 0.5% congestion after wireless link



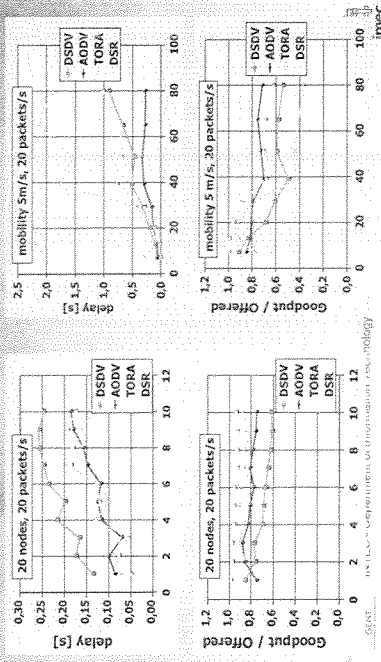
TCP protocol booster: Implementation

- Mean throughput
 - Wireless link losses: 3% en 5%
 - Congestion before wireless link: 0%, 1% en 3%



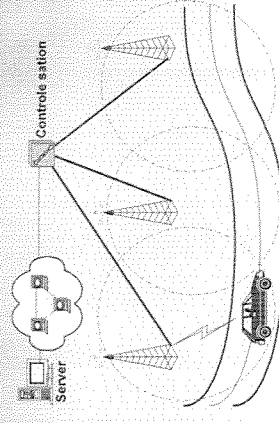
Routing in MANETs

- Mobility
- Scalability



Fast handover in vehicles

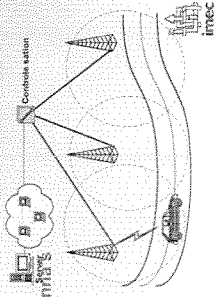
- Broadband wireless communication in vehicles
 - Encouraging of carpooling and public transport
 - Need for Internet and multimedia applications in car or train



Fast handover in vehicles

- Broadband wireless communication in vehicles
 - Issues
 - No existing handover protocols and network infrastructure which allow high bandwidth AND high mobility AND seamless handover
 - Packet loss over wireless link

- Solution
 - Intelligent routing protocol taking into account position and trajectory of vehicle
 - Cellular infrastructure with directional or smart antennas
 - Protocol boosters



Mobile Multimedia Communication Systems and Networks

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Abstract

The MOTION project 'Mobile Multimedia Communication Systems and Networks' is a research program supported by the Belgian Science Policy Office through contract No. P5-91. The IAP-MOTION project focuses on next generation multimedia services and future Quality of Service (QoS) enabled mobile/wireless IP-based networks with reliable and bandwidth efficient wireless links. Novel concepts and generic technologies are developed for the support of future mobile multimedia networks, covering aspects from the application level down to the physical channel. The main topics related to applications are: software architecture for the negotiation between content providers and terminals using dynamic metadata, object-based, highly scalable wireless video coding schemes and new display driver concepts. The main multimedia network related topics are: new data link, IP and transport protocols supporting mobility and providing QoS for fast moving portable devices in homogeneous and heterogeneous environments, QoS-enabled mobile ad hoc networks, traffic and performance models, queuing models. At the level of the physical channel, the following topics are studied: modulation and receiver algorithms for advanced modulation and transmission techniques such as MIMO (multiple input - multiple output), and innovative antenna designs such as smart antennas.

In this project 9 research partners from 7 Belgian universities (Ghent University, Université Catholique de Louvain, Université de Liège, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Université Libre de Bruxelles, University of Antwerp) have founded their expertise at the different levels required for the development of future mobile multimedia communication systems and networks. The strength of the network resides in the close interaction of the partners within and between the different fields of expertise. Besides the research activities, the network also contributes to the training of PhD students, to courses in masters programs, to the organization of workshops, etc.

More information on the IAP-MOTION project can be found on <http://motion.iwatec.org/en/EN/EN-3>.